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IN THE YEAR 20XX, A SUPER ROBOT NAMED MEGA MAN HAS PLEDGED TO PROTECT THE WORLD AND DEFEAT THE FORCES OF EVIL!

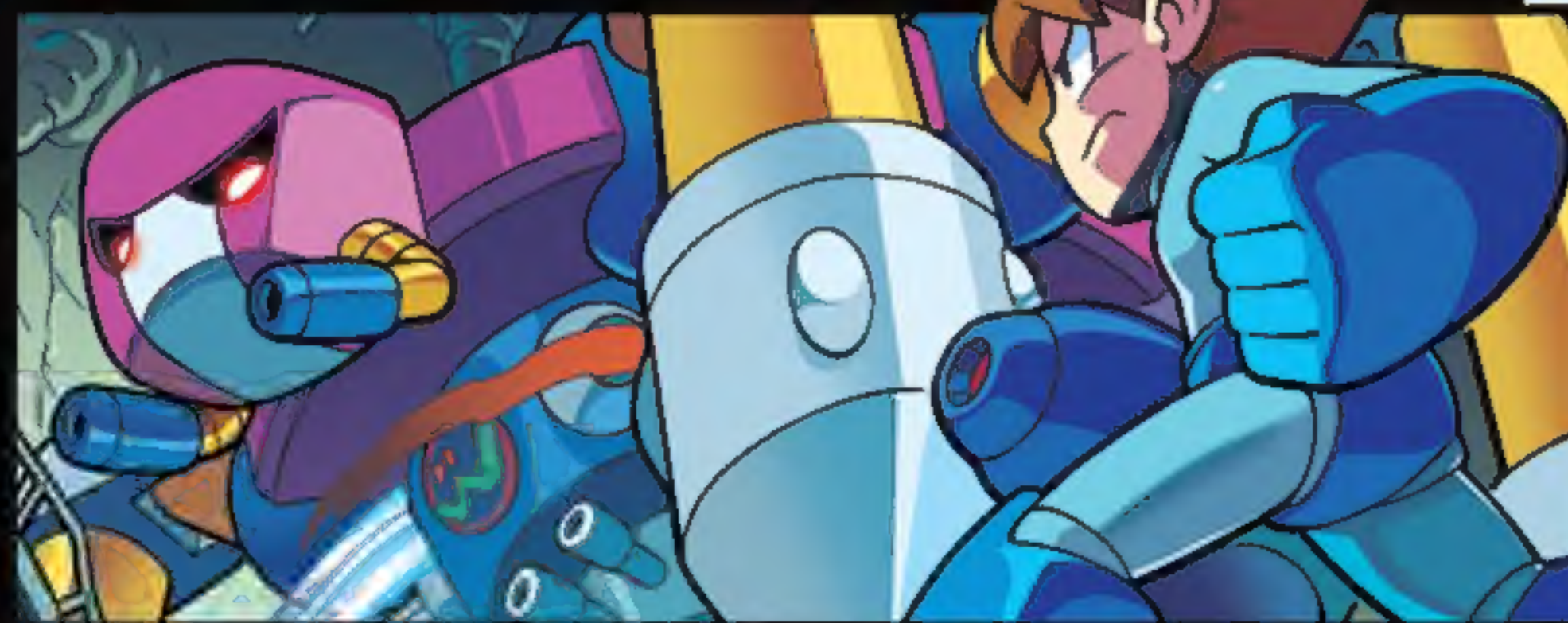
100 YEARS IN THE FUTURE, A SUPER ROBOT NAMED X WORKS ALONGSIDE THE MAVERICK HUNTERS TO PRESERVE PEACE BETWEEN ROBOT AND HUMANKIND!



PREVIOUSLY...

In the Present...

Dr. Wily has been cleared of all wrong-doing, and now works with Mega Man to track down eight supposedly rogue Robot Masters and the powerful Energy Elements they stole. Mega Man was sent to investigate an old weapons lab of Dr. Wily's to see if the Robot Masters were hiding there, but found something far worse...



In the Future...

X had joined Dr. Cain in an archaeological dig that unwittingly unearthed the Wily Walker! As deadly as it was one hundred years ago, it has escaped and is marching to attack the nearest city. The Maverick Hunters have arrived to stop it, but they don't realize destroying it could bring more doom...



CHARACTER SELECT



MEGA MAN
SUPER FIGHTING ROBOT



DR. WILY
EX-MAD SCIENTIST



X
THE FIRST LIVING ROBOT



ZERO
X'S BEST FRIEND

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YEAR: 20XX...

UH...
DOCTORS?
I MANAGED
TO TRAP THE
WILY WALKER
IN THE
LAB...

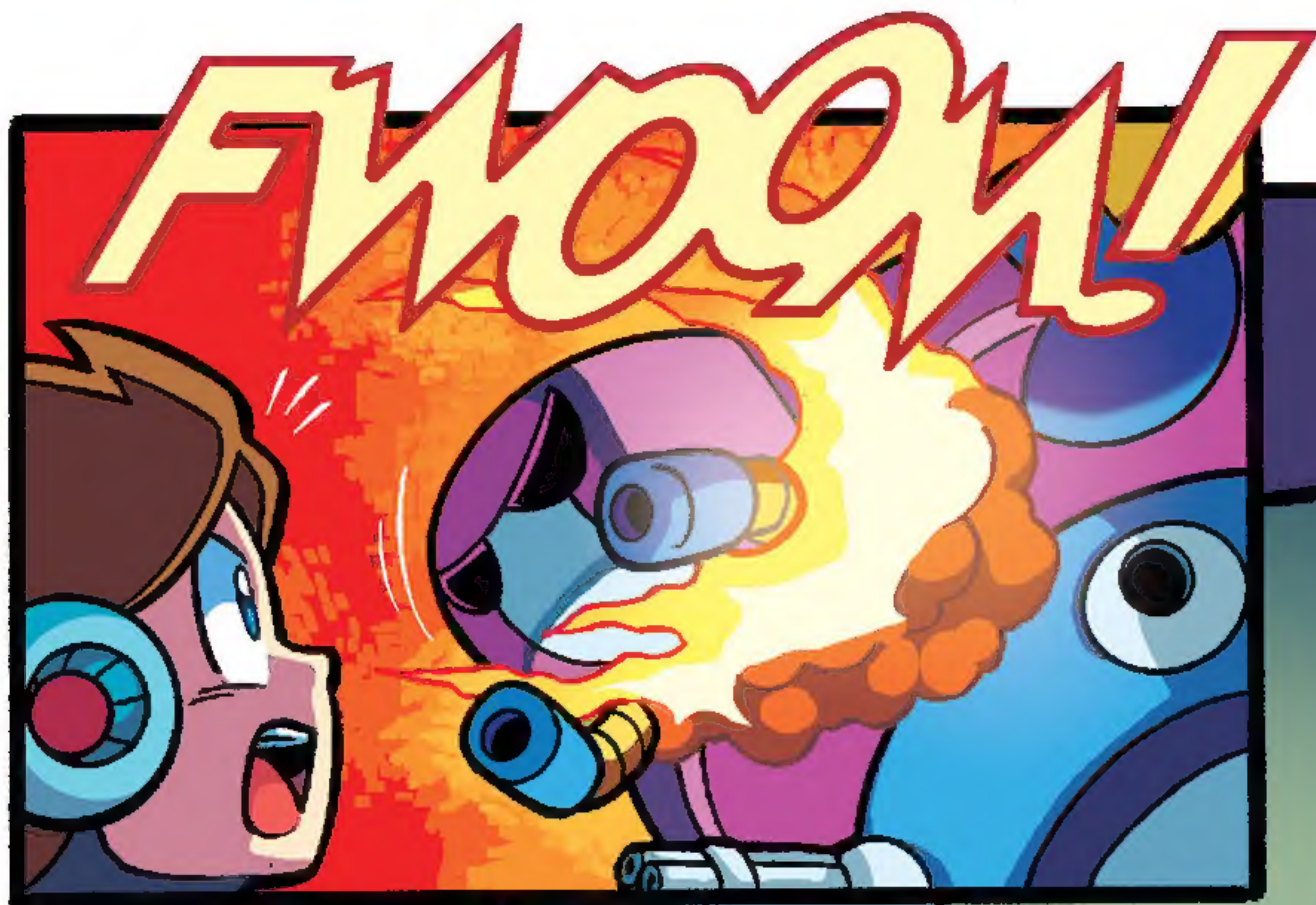
MEGA MAN
DR. LIGHT'S
ROBOT SON

DAWN OF X

Part 3:
OUT of
TIME

...SO
NOW
WHAT
?!

WILY WALKER
DR. WILY'S
OLD WAR
MACHINE



MOVE, MEGA MAN,
MOVE! WE'VE GOT TO
COME UP WITH A PLAN!
WE CAN'T FIGHT THIS
THING HEAD ON!

BRIGHT MAN
DR. COSSACK'S
ILLUMINATING
ROBOT MASTER

PHARAOH MAN
DR. COSSACK'S
TOMB-EXPLORING
ROBOT MASTER

BLAM!

RIGHT! TRY TO
KEEP IT OFF
BALANCE UNTIL WE
FIGURE SOME-
THING OUT!

EASY FOR YOU TO
SAY! WHAT AM I
SUPPOSED TO DO?
SHINE AT IT?!

MEANWHILE--
AT LIGHT
LABS...

KEEP ON STRUGGLING,
MEGA BRAT! I'LL BE HAPPY
TO OVERHAUL MY MASTER
PLAN IF IT MEANS THOMAS'S
OH-SO-PRECIOUS BOY GETS
OBLITERATED BY ONE OF MY
OLD EXPERIMENTS!

DR. WILY
"REFORMED"
MAD SCIENTIST

ALBERT! ANY LUCK
CONTACTING ANY OF
MY ROBOT MASTERS?

ER...
NO! SORRY,
TOM...

CALL TIME: 12:35 ENDED: 12:35
CALL TIME: 12:36 ENDED: 12:36
CALL TIME: 12:36 ENDED: 12:36
CALL TIME: 12:37 ENDED: 12:37

DELETE CALL RECORDS?
[ENTER TO CONFIRM]

...BUT THEY'RE
EITHER BUSY OR
NOT ANSWERING!

HOLD ON, SON! WE'RE
WORKING ON A COUNTER-
MEASURE AS FAST AS
WE CAN!

ROLL
MEGA MAN'S
SISTER

HMM...THIS DOESN'T
LOOK COMPATIBLE.
ROLL, SEE IF THERE'S
A CONVERTER IN
THERE.

YES, SIR!

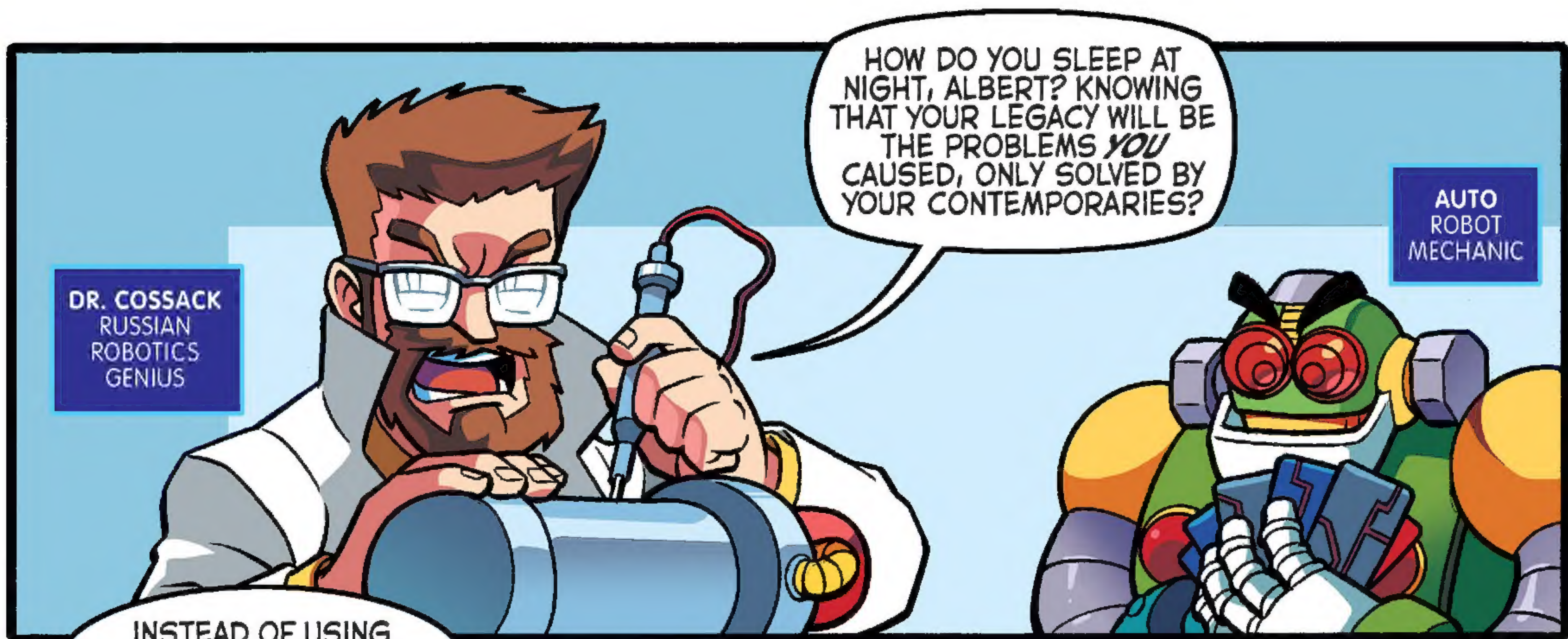
DR. LIGHT
MEGA MAN'S
CREATOR

FOUND IT!

PERFECT! NOW
SEE IF YOU CAN
FIND US SOME
BOLTS.

RIGHT AWAY.
C'MON, RUSH, I'LL
NEED YOUR HELP.

I SWEAR, WE GO
THROUGH BOLTS SO
FAST, THEY'RE GOING
TO BECOME MORE
VALUABLE THAN MONEY
AROUND HERE!

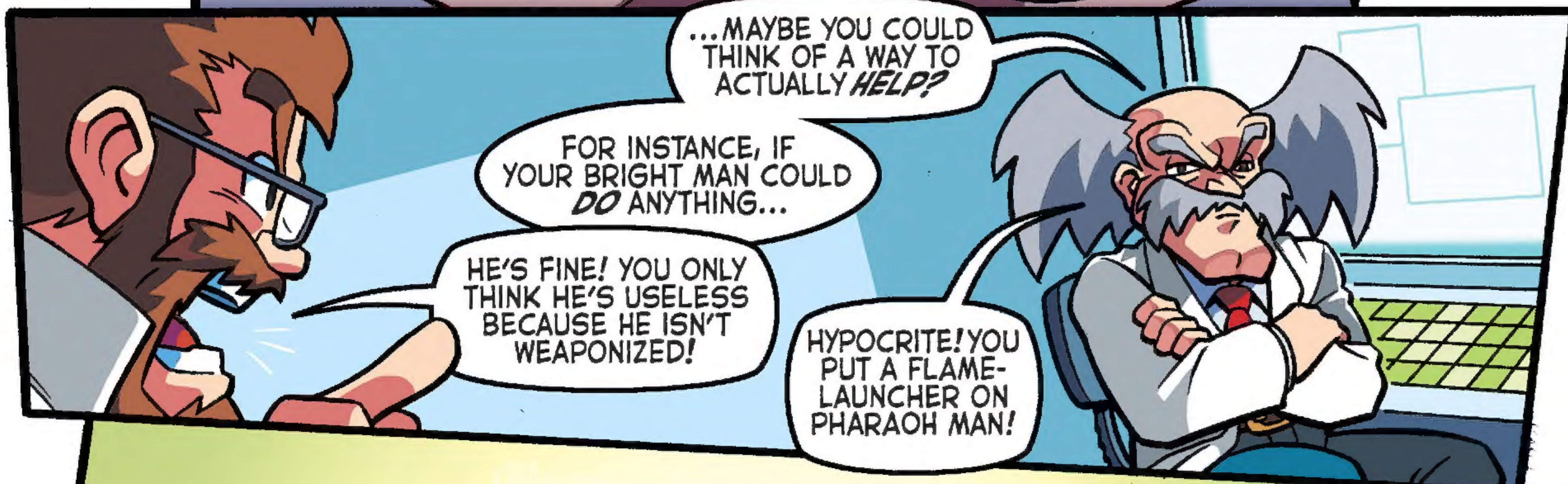


DR. COSSACK
RUSSIAN
ROBOTICS
GENIUS

AUTO
ROBOT
MECHANIC

HOW DO YOU SLEEP AT NIGHT, ALBERT? KNOWING THAT YOUR LEGACY WILL BE THE PROBLEMS *YOU* CAUSED, ONLY SOLVED BY YOUR CONTEMPORARIES?

INSTEAD OF USING THAT ANALYTIC *GENIUS* OF YOURS TO *NAG* ME...

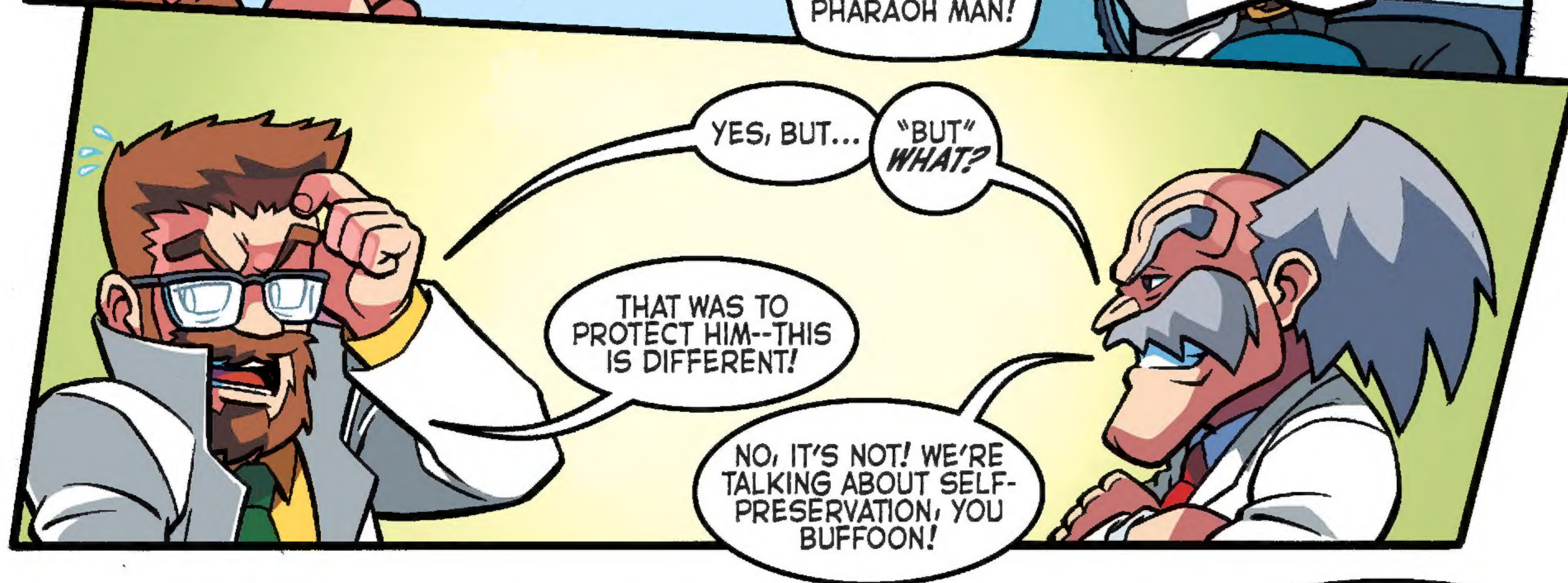


...MAYBE YOU COULD THINK OF A WAY TO ACTUALLY *HELP*?

FOR INSTANCE, IF YOUR BRIGHT MAN COULD *DO* ANYTHING...

HE'S FINE! YOU ONLY THINK HE'S USELESS BECAUSE HE ISN'T WEAPONIZED!

HYPOCRITE! YOU PUT A FLAME-LAUNCHER ON PHARAOH MAN!



YES, BUT...

"BUT" *WHAT*?

THAT WAS TO PROTECT HIM--THIS IS DIFFERENT!

NO, IT'S NOT! WE'RE TALKING ABOUT SELF-PRESERVATION, YOU BUFFOON!



MIKHAIL...I HATE TO SAY IT, BUT HE'S RIGHT. EVEN IF IT'S SOMETHING TO SLOW OR DETER THAT MONSTROUS MACHINE. WE CAN ALWAYS REMOVE THE MODIFICATIONS LATER.

FINE. *FINE*. I JUST HATE THE IDEA OF WEAPON-IZING EVERY ROBOT WE CREATE...



"WHAT KIND OF FUTURE
ARE WE BUILDING BY
DOING THAT?"

THE BADLANDS,
YEAR: 21XX.

PSHOOO!

ZERO COMPANY!
VILE COMPANY!
TARGET ITS
RIGHT FLANK!

ON MY
MARK--
FIRE!

MAVERICK
HUNTERS
PEACE-KEEPING
REPLOIDS

ZERO
17TH ELITE
UNIT

VILE
17TH ELITE
UNIT

BOOM!

BRATTA-TATTAT!

SKW!

FRT GUNS: OFFLINE
SR CHEM: OFFLINE
BTM GUN: **ONLINE**
LR CHEM: **ONLINE**
REAR GUN 1: OFFLINE
REAR GUN 2: OFFLINE
REAR GUN 3: **ONLINE**
REAR GUN 4: OFFLINE
REAR GUN 5: OFFLINE
REAR GUN 6: **ONLINE**
REAR GUN 7: **ONLINE**



ARMOR

>>ANALYZING... >>UNIT SIGNAL IDENTIFIED >>RECTIFYING

HEY!
DON'T YOU
IGNORE
ME!

BRATTA-TATTAT!

IT KNOWS WHO
THE *REAL* THREAT
IS HERE, PRETTY
BOY!

OVERLOOK
ME, HUH?
LAST MISTAKE
YOU'LL
MAKE...

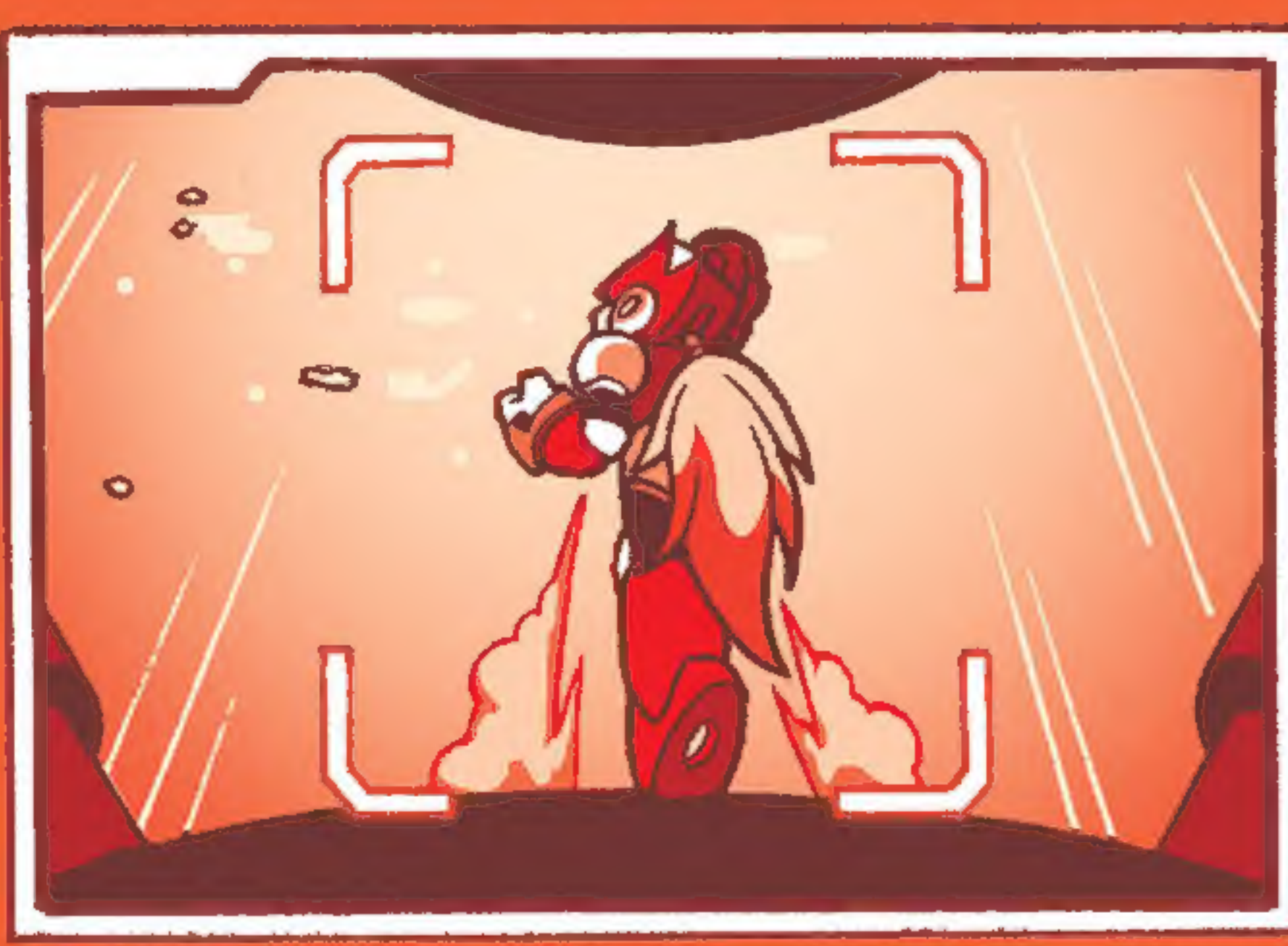
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VREEEE

BIAM!



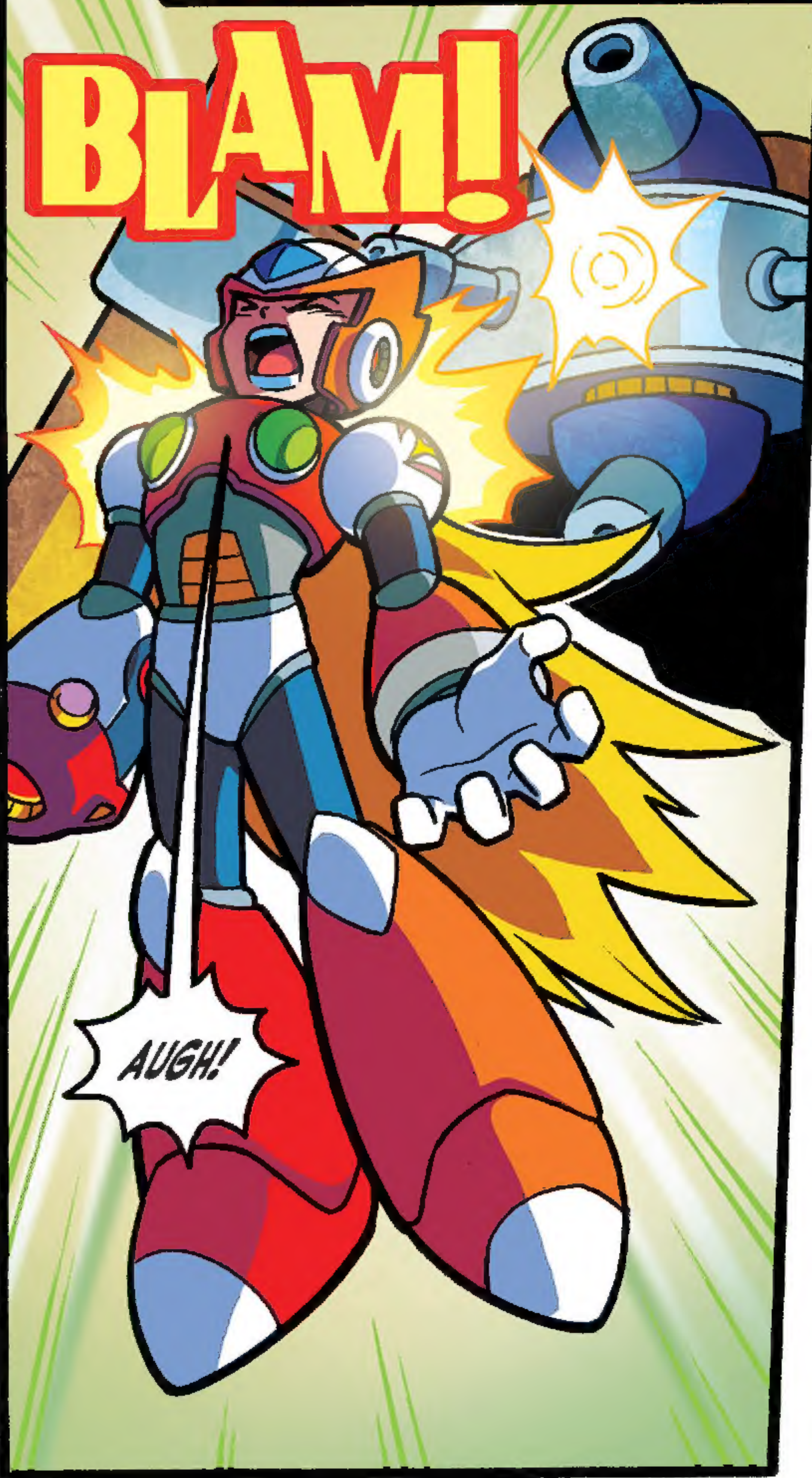
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REAR CAM

>>MARKING UNIT AS HOSTILE >>ENGAGING

BIAM!



AUGH!

ZERO! SIR! HOLD ON! I'M--

STAY
OUT OF
RANGE!



HEH...
SORRY TO SEND
YOU AWAY FROM ALL
THIS, X...





★ "...YOU'RE MISSING ALL THE FUN!"

MESA EXCAVATION SITE, NOT FAR AWAY...

DOCTOR CAIN!

DR. CAIN
GENIUS
ARCHAEOLOGIST

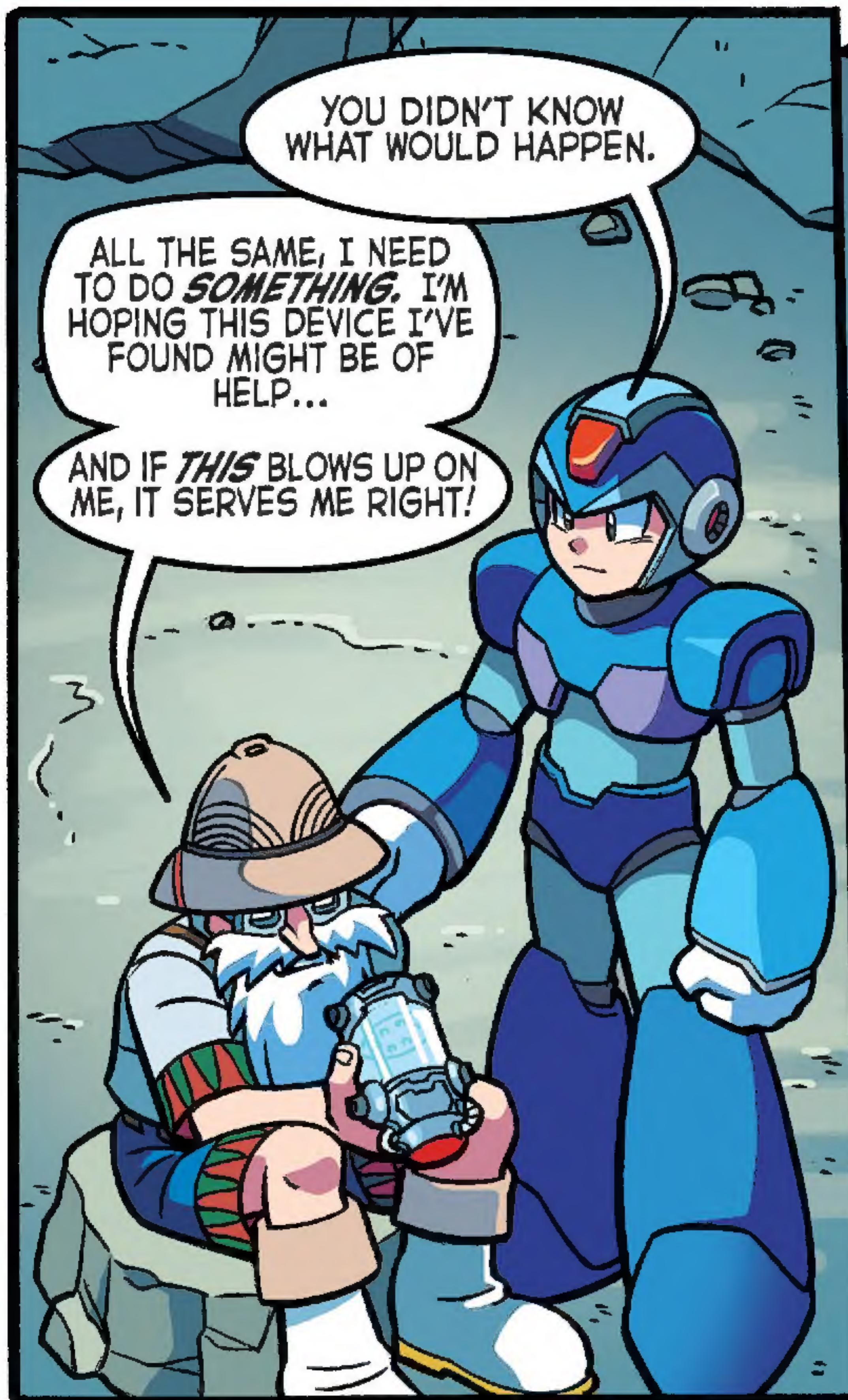


X
PRECURSOR
TO THE
REPLOIDS



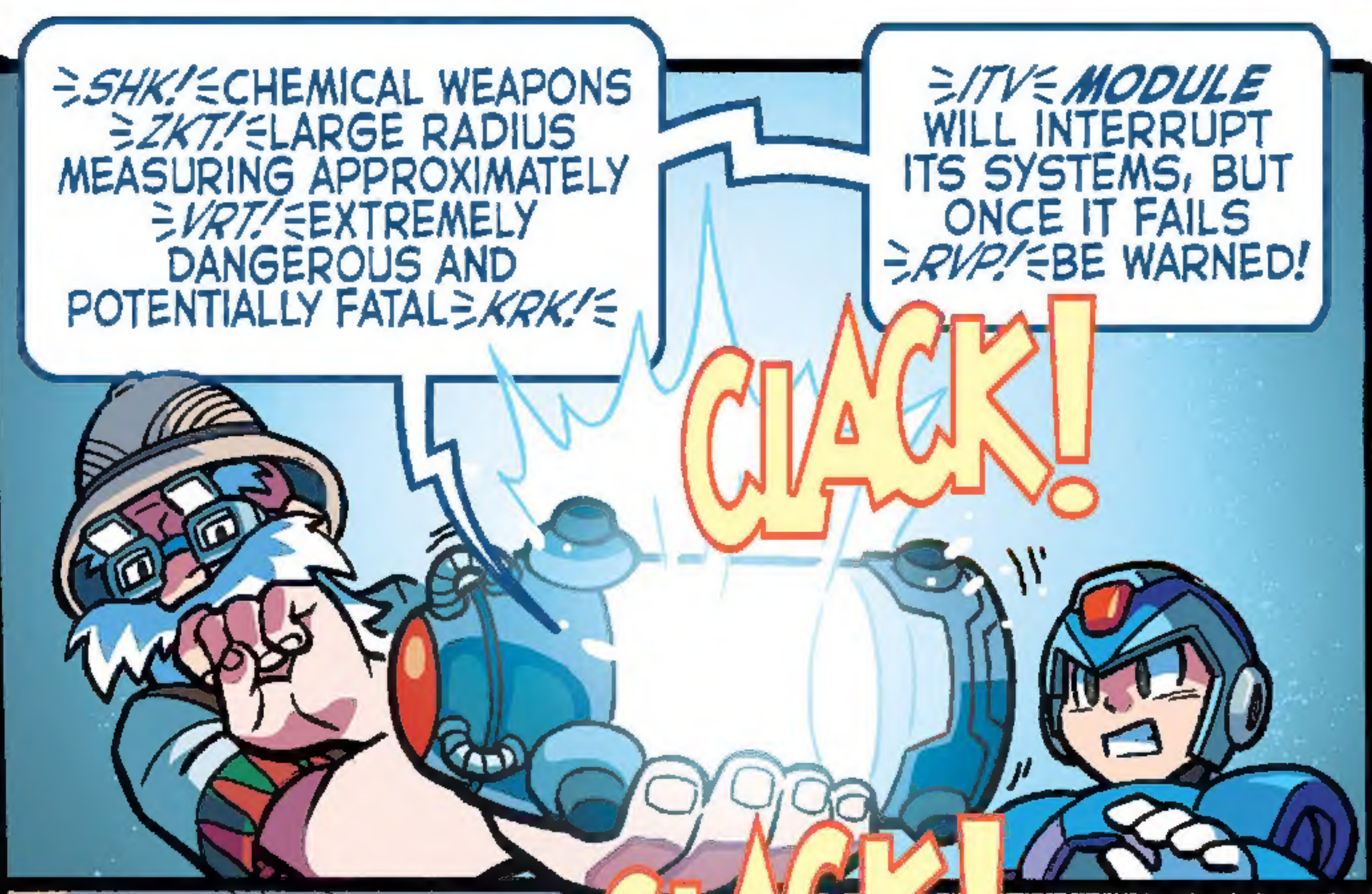
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
YOU NEED TO GET OUT
OF HERE!

NOT YET, X! I CAME
DOWN HERE TO UNEARTH
WONDERS. INSTEAD, I
UNLEASHED A *HORROR*.



YOU DIDN'T KNOW
WHAT WOULD HAPPEN.

ALL THE SAME, I NEED
TO DO *SOMETHING*. I'M
HOPING THIS DEVICE I'VE
FOUND MIGHT BE OF
HELP...
AND IF *THIS* BLOWS UP ON
ME, IT SERVES ME RIGHT!



≡SHK!≡CHEMICAL WEAPONS
≡ZKT!≡LARGE RADIUS
MEASURING APPROXIMATELY
≡VRT!≡EXTREMELY
DANGEROUS AND
POTENTIALLY FATAL≡KRK!≡

≡ITV≡MODULE
WILL INTERRUPT
ITS SYSTEMS, BUT
ONCE IT FAILS
≡RVP!≡BE WARNED!

CLACK!



DEAR LORD
...CHEMICAL
WEAPONS...

IF THE
HUNTERS
BLOW IT
UP...

CLACK!

"...THE CHEMICALS
COULD BE SPREAD
WHO KNOWS HOW
FAR!"

BWOOP

WHY CAN'T I
REACH ZERO?!

SORRY, SIR. DURING
OPERATIONS, ONLY
HUNTER-RELATED
BUSINESS CAN BE--

THIS *IS*--! DID
THEY DESTROY
THE ANCIENT
MECHANOID?

NOT EVEN
CLOSE, SIR.

WE'VE BEEN
HARRYING IT, BUT
IT KEEPS ON
MARCHING
TOWARDS--
HEY!

ZERO! VILE! *DON'T
DESTROY IT!*

X?! I TOLD
YOU TO LOOK
AFTER DOCTOR
CAIN!

LISTEN TO ME! DOCTOR CAIN
FOUND A WARNING FROM WHEN
THE ANCIENT MECHANOID WAS
CREATED! IT'S LOADED WITH
CHEMICAL WEAPONS! IF YOU
BLOW IT UP--!

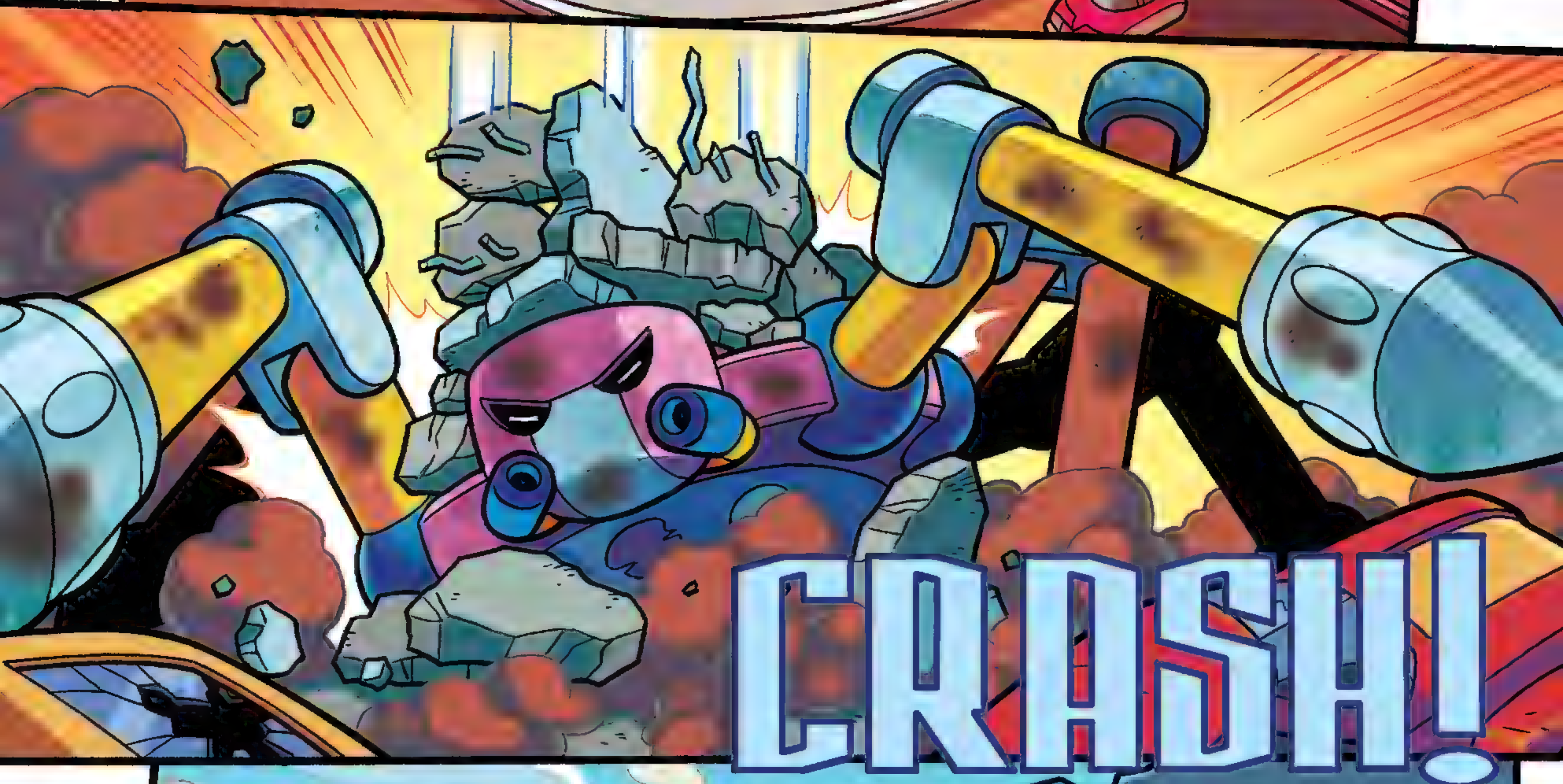
...WE ENDANGER ANY HUMANS
WITHIN ITS BLAST RADIUS. *GREAT.*
BUT IT'S HEADING FOR THE
HIGHWAY. WE *HAVE* TO STOP IT
OR--

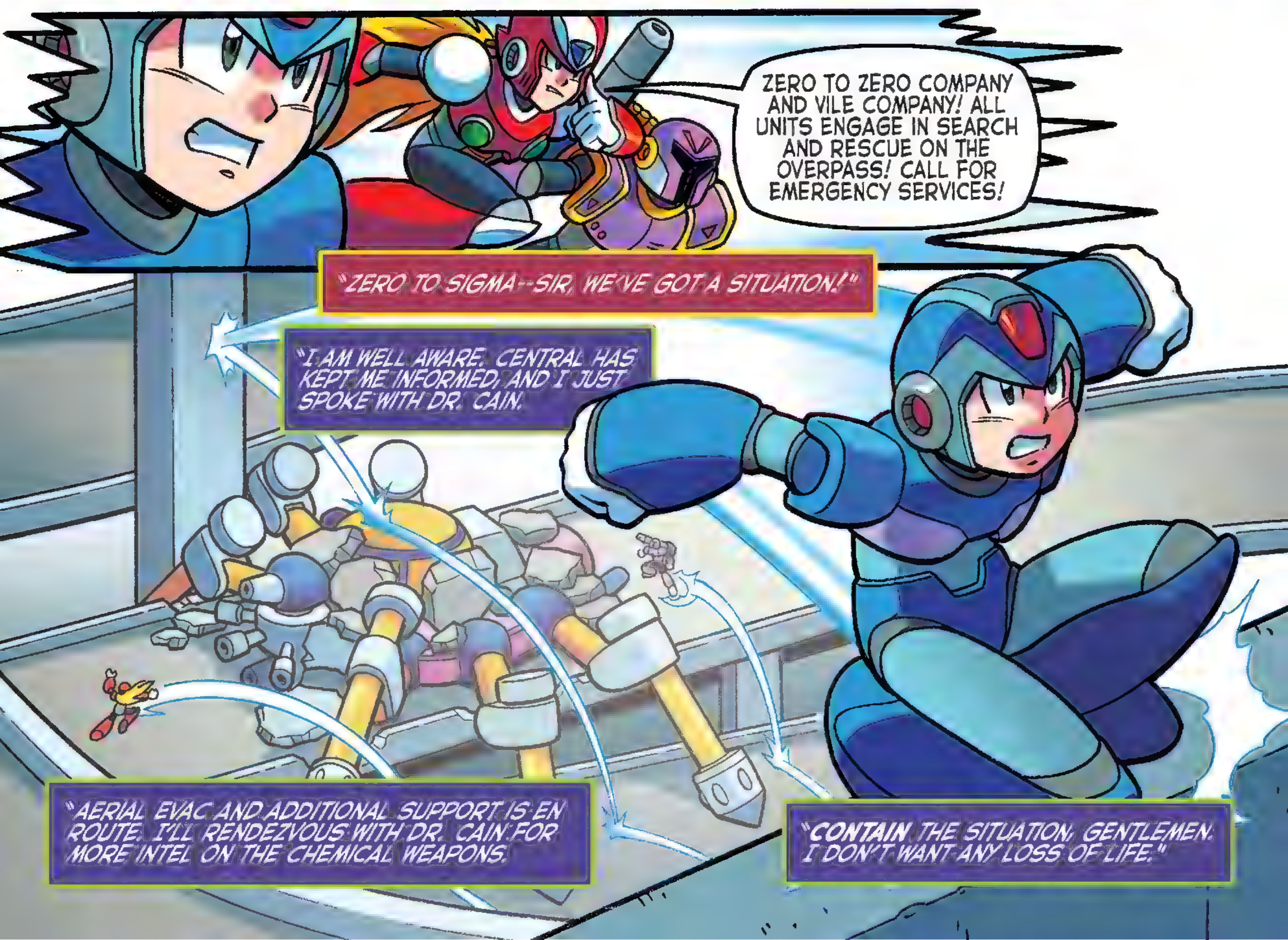
OH.
STOP
IT?

WHRR-CLICK!

GOTCHA
COVERED.

FWEE!







STAY CALM!
I'M NUDGING YOUR
VEHICLE TO AN AREA
MORE STRUCTURALLY
SECURE!



HOLD ON!
I'M COMING!

I-I CAN WALK...
BUT THERE'S...A
HUMAN OVER
THERE...

THANKS!
I'LL BE BACK
FOR YOU!

CREEEAAK!

CURSE
YOU,
VILE...



AHHHHH!

NO!





SIR!

SIR!

PLEASE LISTEN! I'M NOT GOING TO HURT--!

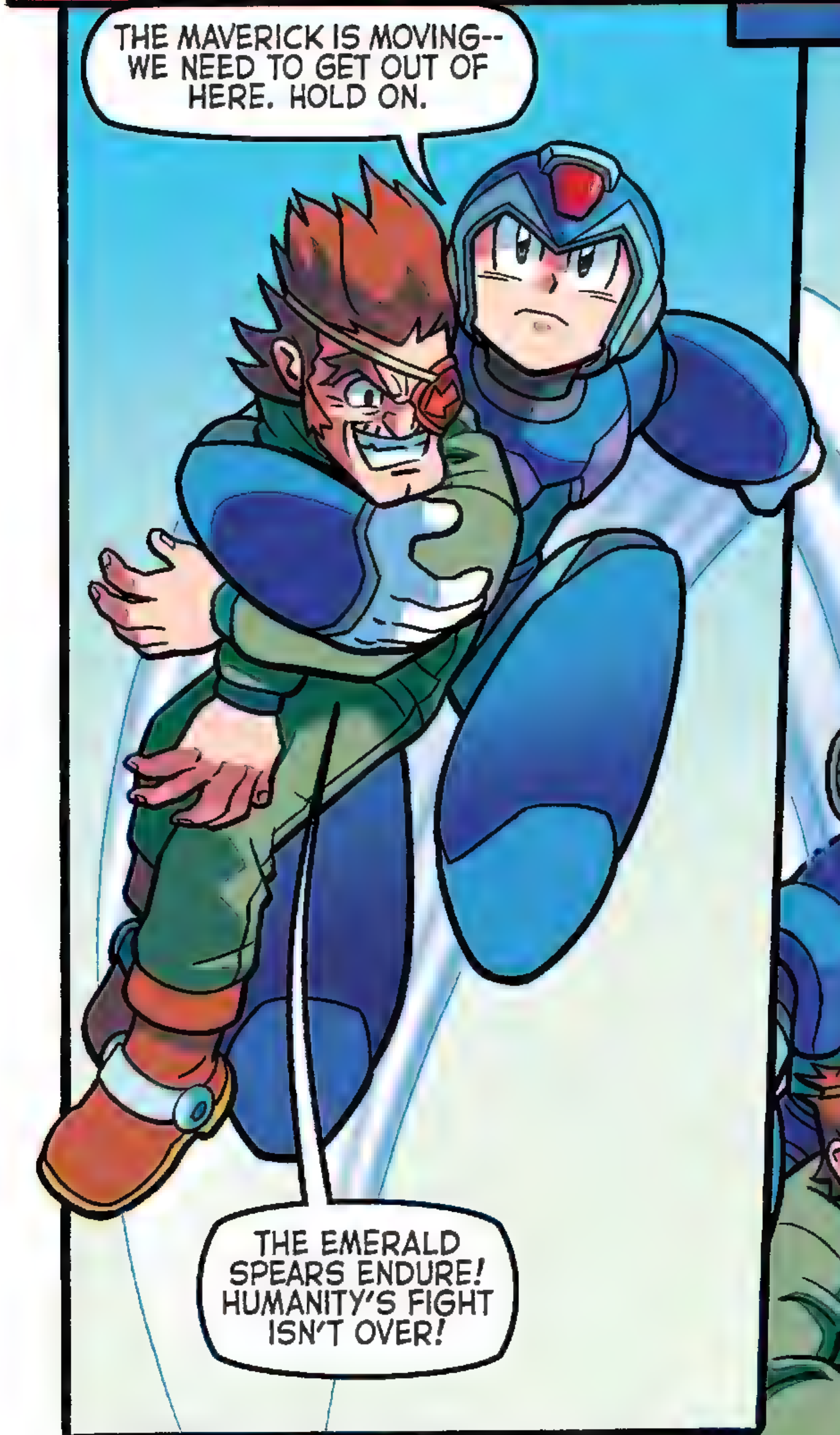


OH, YOU'RE ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE ANTI-TECHNOLOGY TERRORISTS, THE EMERALD SPEARS.

"ANOTHER"...? MY...PEOPLE ARE STILL...?

CAUSING TROUBLE, YES. I WAS SHOT AT BY SOME OF YOUR FRIENDS EARLIER TODAY.*

*MM#37



THE MAVERICK IS MOVING-- WE NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE. HOLD ON.

THE EMERALD SPEARS ENDURE! HUMANITY'S FIGHT ISN'T OVER!



WAIT-- "MAVERICK"?

YOU KNOW-- ROGUE ROBOTS.

...THE SAVAGE MACHINES TURN ON **EACH OTHER?!**

≧SIGH≦



HEY...YOU'RE X,
RIGHT? I NEVER
THOUGHT I'D SEE
YOU OUT HERE!

JUST
TRYING TO
HELP.

THIS MAN DOESN'T SEEM
HURT, BUT HE'S A MEMBER
OF A DANGEROUS
TERRORIST GROUP.



AH--JUST WHAT
THIS CRISIS
NEEDED. ARE YOU
GOING TO BEHAVE,
SIR? OR DO I NEED
TO RESTRAIN YOU?

YOU CAN BREAK EVERY BONE
IN MY BODY, AUTOMATON, BUT
YOU'LL NEVER BREAK MY
SPIRIT!



OH, BOY. I'VE GOT
SOME CUFFS HERE--
MEANT FOR REPLOIDS,
BUT THEY SHOULD FIT
HIM FINE FOR NOW.

THANKS. HOW
GO THE RESCUE
OPERATIONS?



VERY WELL! WE'VE GOT
EVERYTHING CONTAINED. WE
SHOULD HAVE ALL THE
SURVIVORS ACCOUNTED
FOR SHORTLY!

GOOD! I HOPE
EVERYONE RECOVERS
QUICKLY!



IS NOBODY GOING TO
SPARE A THOUGHT FOR THOSE
PEOPLE VILE MIGHT'VE KILLED?
WHY DOES IT FEEL LIKE I'M THE
***ONLY ONE WHO THINKS OF
THESE THINGS?***

FOCUS, X. THERE WILL BE
TIME ENOUGH TO MOURN. IF
THOSE CHEMICAL WEAPONS
SPREAD, THERE'RE GOING TO
BE EVEN MORE CASUALTIES!

MEANWHILE, BACK
IN THE CHASM...

THE MESSAGE IS
BADLY CORRUPTED,
THE VOICE HEAVILY
DISTORTED...

AND YET, FAMILIAR
...REGARDLESS,
I'VE BEEN MESSING
WITH IT, AND I
MANAGED TO
ACCESS MORE
DATA.

SIGMA
COMMANDER
OF THE
MAVERICK
HUNTERS

I CAN'T READ IT,
BUT SOMEONE WITH
YOUR ADVANCED
OPTICS...

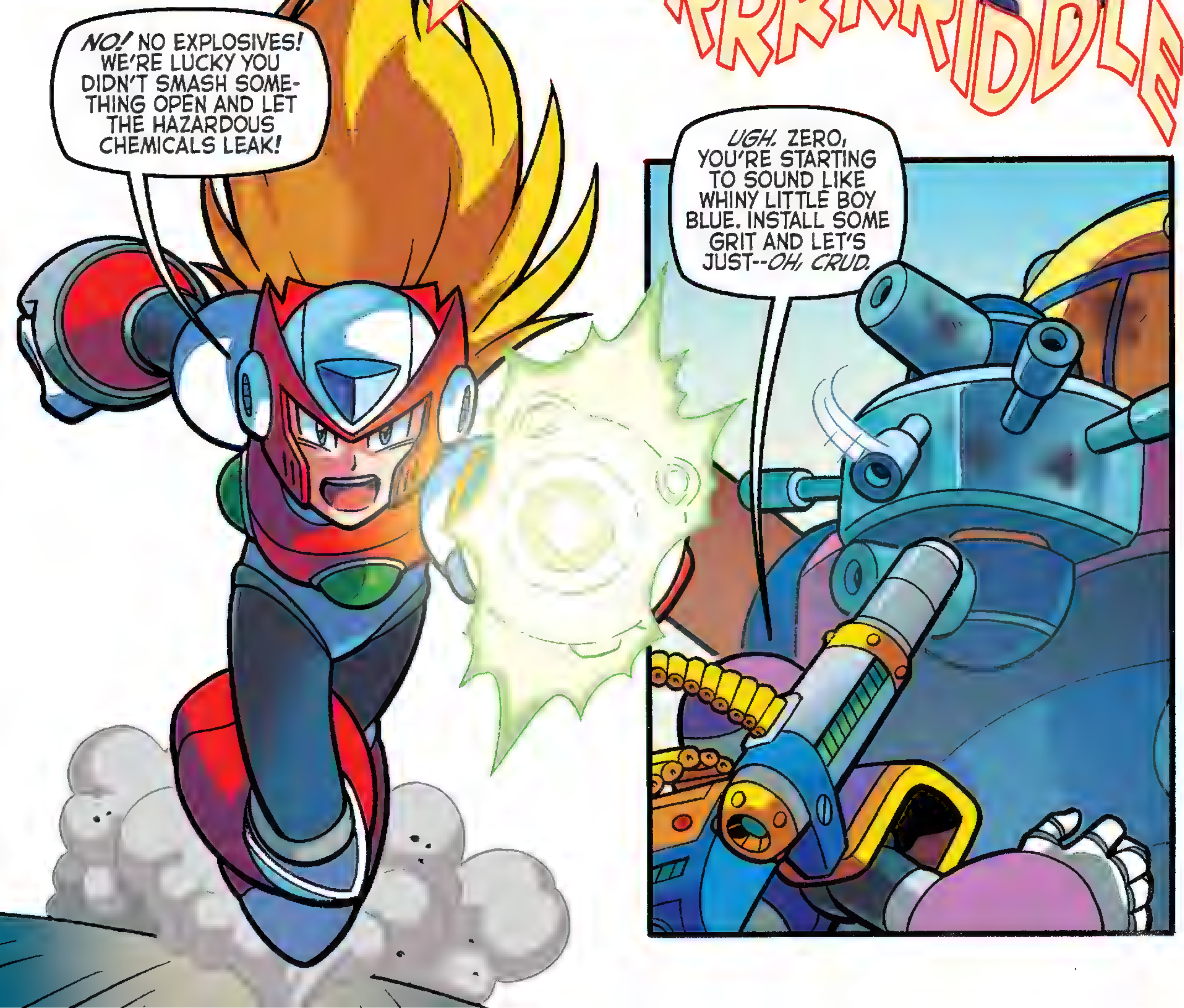
YES, I CAN SEE IT. IT
APPEARS TO BE A FULL
RUNDOWN OF ITS WEAPONS
--SPECIFICALLY WHERE THE
CHEMICAL WEAPONS ARE
HOUSED.

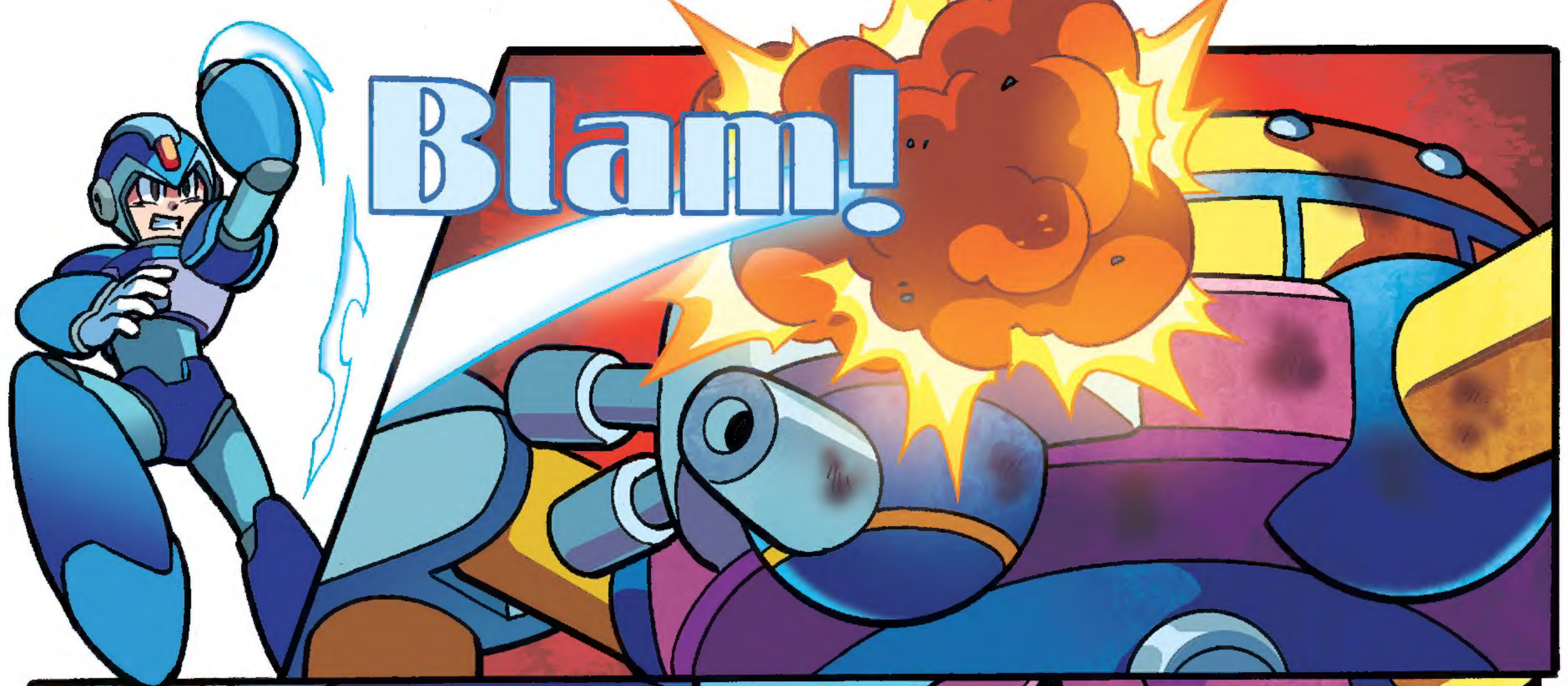
FSSST!

...AND WITH THAT, ITS
POWER FAILS, AND
WE'VE LOST OUR ONLY
INSIGHT INTO THE
NIGHTMARE I UN-
LEASHED...

I LEARNED ALL I
NEED. TAKE HEART,
DEAR CREATOR...

...I WILL
MAKE THINGS
RIGHT.



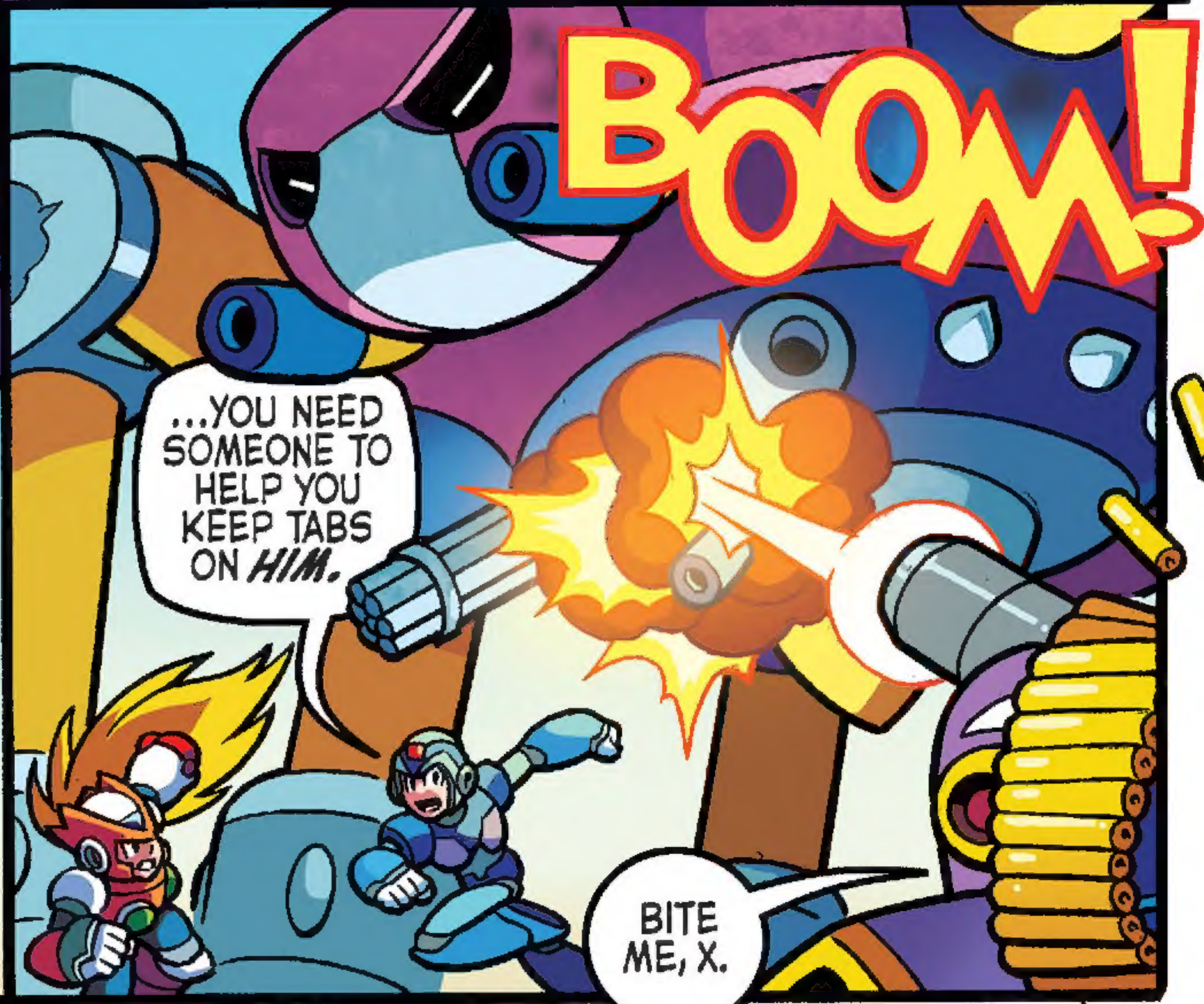


Blam!



HEY!
COME TO
JOIN THE
PARTY?

THE SITUATION AT
THE OVERPASS IS
UNDER CONTROL.
BESIDES...



BOOM!

...YOU NEED
SOMEONE TO
HELP YOU
KEEP TABS
ON *HIM*.

BITE
ME, X.

BWOO-WIP

C-COMMANDER
SIGMA!

X! GOOD OF YOU
TO JOIN US. I WILL
NEED ALL THREE
OF YOU TO KEEP
ITS ATTENTION...





...WHILE I
DISABLE IT
ONCE AND
FOR ALL!

>>ANALYZING...
>>TARGETS REGISTER AS EXTREME THREAT
>>ARMING ALL CHEMICAL WARHEADS FOR IMMEDIATE LAUNCH...



OFFLINE
OFFLINE
OFFLINE
CHEM:
NLINE
FFLINE
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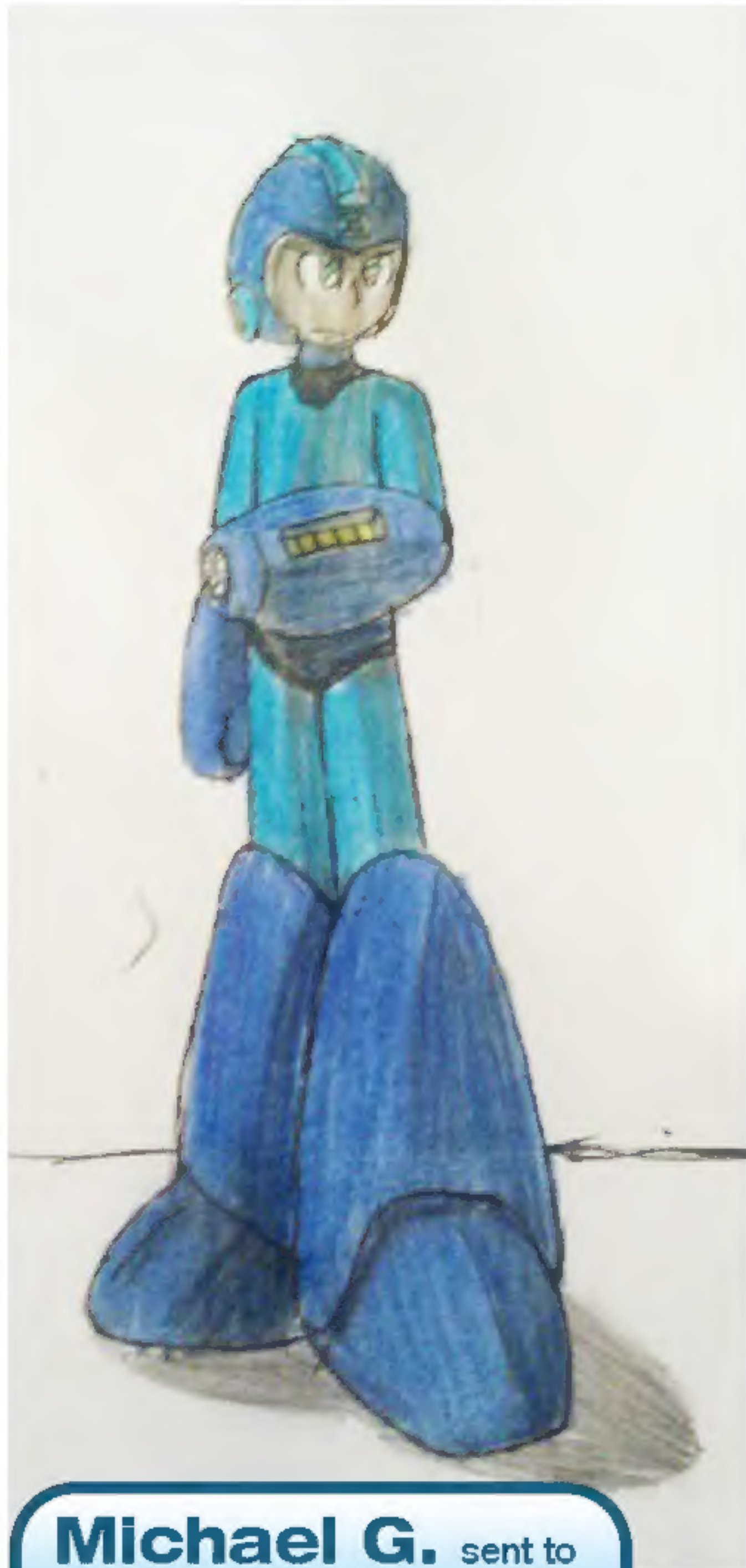
MEGA MAN --TRAPPED WITH THE *WILY WALKER!*
X--UNAWARE HIS *FUTURE* IS ABOUT TO *END!*
SEE HOW *PAST AND FUTURE COLLIDE* IN THE *EXPLOSIVE FINALE* NEXT TIME!
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